

**CLARK COUNTY
CLEAN WATER COMMISSION**

Revised Meeting Notes

Wednesday, August 6, 2003

6:30 – 9:30 PM

Maintenance and Operations

Conference Room

Vancouver, WA

Clark County Clean Water Commission Members Present

Robbie Agard, Anne Jackson, Mary Martin, Bill Owen, Susan Rasmussen, Judy Schramm Don Stienke, Art Stubbs, and Virginia vanBreeman

Clark County Public Works Staff

Kelli Frost, Earl Rowell, and Cindy Stienbarger

Clark County Auditor's Office Staff

Linda Bade

Audience

William Mott, Mary Mitchell, and Ralph Wolford

Call to Order

Introduction

The members of the Clark County Clean Water Commission, audience, and Clark County staff were introduced. The meeting was then called to order.

Agenda and material review

The material for the meeting include:

1. 8/6/03 Clark County Clean Water Commission meeting agenda
 2. 7/2/03 Clark County Clean Water Commission meeting notes
 3. Clean Water Fee Issues 2000 – 2003, Weeks 1-5 Graph
 4. Clean Water Fee Calls to Water Resources Comparative 2002-2003 Graph
- *Watershed Stewards Program 2003 First Quarter Report
*Small Acreage Landholder Outreach Program 2003 Second Quarter Report

7/2/03 meeting notes

The 7/2/03 Clean Water Commission meeting notes were approved as written.

Public Input

Ms. Mitchell addressed the Commissioners regarding the City of Vancouver's \$6.00 storm drain assessment included on the water bill.

Mr. Stubbs replied that the City of Vancouver set up their own billing system to be included on the water bills.

Ms. Mitchell provided pictures which shows damage to her property in which she believes is caused by a drainage problem. Ms. Mitchell is continuing to seek help in solving the problem.

Mr. Rowell replied that staff member Sam Giese will contact Ms. Mitchell to assess the situation.

Mr. Mott requested that the Clean Water Commissioners review the current clean water fee rate structure. Mr. Mott does not think the rate structure is fair and consistent to the overall purpose of the Clean Water Program.

Mr. Mott pointed out to the Clean Water Commissioners what he feels are inconsistencies with the Clean Water Fee ordinance and rate structure.

1. A service charged shall be based on the relative contribution to increase surface and stormwater runoff from developed parcels. Parcels that control their own stormwater and do not cause damage to other parcels or to ecology are not given an exemption.
2. There is a lower rate structure for single family large lots because larger lots detain and retain more runoff on site whereas Commercial and Industrial parcels are not eligible for a lower rate structure.
3. Golf courses are assessed as a commercial property however they do not have the same characteristics as a typical commercial parcel.

Mr. Mott provided a copy of the King County Clean Water Fee rate structure to Commissioners for review. King County provides a number of credits and different rate structures.

Ms. Rasmussen informed the Clean Water Commissioners that Mr. Mott has filed an appeal on behalf of Green Mountain golf course.

Mr. Rowell replied that after an appeal is submitted, Clark County staff will review and recommend a course of action to the director of Public Works. The Public Works director will review the appeal and recommendation and will approve or deny the appeal.

Motion 2003080606: Mr. Agard: Move to postpone this until we have some direction from the County Engineer who will be looking at the appeal and also some direction from the legal department in what we should be looking at and then re-schedule from that point on.

Motion approved by all present Clean Water Commissioners

Mr. Agard asked staff to provide the Commissioners a traffic count for Green Meadow golf course.

Communications with the Public:

Mr. Rowell informed the Commissioners that channel 23-CVTV will air an informational piece on the Clean Water Program throughout August.

Auditor's Report

Linda Bade provided an update of the auditor's report. There were four objectives for the audit: evaluate the monitoring processes for program accountability; to determine whether the fee assessments were computed and invoiced in accordance to the ordinance; to assess the effectiveness of collection procedures for delinquent fees; identify any opportunities to enhance the processes.

Mr. Owen asked if she (Ms. Bade) would still emphasize outcome based performance measures?

Ms. Bade replied that one her mandates were to look at performance measures. Because they are difficult to come up with there are not as many people using performance measures.

Ms. Bade stated that one of the recommendations in the audit was to keep working on capital projects. She also mentioned that street sweeping provides such a positive impact on water compared to the cost that it should be emphasized more to the public.

Mr. Agard thanked Ms. Bade for her work on the Audit report.

Mr. Owen: Asked what do we (Clean Water Commissioners) do with the information provided in the audit report?

Ms. Bade replied that this report was written for a variety of people and departments.

Motion 2003080607: Mr. Bill Owen: Move for staff to provide the Clean Water Commission information about various billing systems and reductions.

Motion approved by all present Clean Water Commissioners

Mr. Rowell suggested that one way the Commissioners can help is to educate the community about the Clean Water Program.

Education Update

Ms. Stienbarger provided the Clean Water Commissioners an update of Education activities. Fall activities include a small acreage program, a Wells and Septic workshop, Watershed stewards, and a countywide school poster contest. Activities held over the summer included a Wells and Septic workshop, and the Clark County Fair. We are continuing to develop a program to partner with 4-H. We are also developing signs to put on county vehicles and at construction projects that will promote the Clean Water Program.

Motion 2003080608: Mr. Stubbs: Move to pay off the road fund loan.

Motion approved by all present Clean Water Commissioners

The Clean Water Commissioners recommended having a work session on September 24, 2003.

Next Meeting

The next Clean Water Commission Meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 3, 2003 @ 6:30 p.m. at Clark County Public Works Maintenance and Operations Conference Room – 4700 NE 78th Street

A work session will be held on September 24th, 2003 @ 6:30 p.m. at the Public Service Center, 1300 Franklin Street – Suite 185.

Adjourn

The Clean Water Commission meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectively Submitted,

Kelli Frost